

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend lines 15 to line 23 on page 10 to read as follows:

In modified embodiments of the invention, the dentifrice is clear, translucent, tinted, opaque, or a combination thereof. The term “clear” shall be understood to mean visually colorless and transparent. In one embodiment of the invention, the dentifrice is a clear gel comprising at least about 1.5 percent hydrogen peroxide and a clear base. In one exemplary embodiment, the base comprises water, hydrogen peroxide, poloxamer 407, glycerine, flavor and sodium saccharin. In another exemplary embodiment, the base comprises fluoride (a well-known anti-caries agent), hydrogen peroxide, and hydrated silica. The clear gel maximizes transmission of radiation therethrough, to thereby maximize an interaction of the clear gel with the radiation throughout the thickness of the clear gel.